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TAGS:OEXC (SALEH, MISS MAGDA)

SUBJECT: MAGDA SALEH'S APPLICATION FOR ARCE FELLOWSHIP

1. CU/NEA REGRETS THAT IT CANNOT ACCEDE TO THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MISS SALEH TO RECEIVE AN ARCE FELLOWSHIP. THE FAM 401.2-1 ON ELIGIBILITY STATES CLEARLY THAT GRANTEES MUST BE U.S. CITIZENS AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR GRANTS. ARCE IS WELL AWARE OF THE CU POLICY, WHICH INCLUDES CONTRACTORS; BUT FAILED TO INFORM MISS SALEH OF IT AT THE TIME OF HER SELECTION. THEY HAD HOPED THAT SOMEHOW AN EXCEPTION COULD BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF HER OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS. CU AGREES THAT MISS SALEH IS, INDEED, REMARKABLE AND HAS A FINE REPUTATION, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES REGULATIONS DO NOT PERMIT WAIVING THIS VERY BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS RECEIVING AMERICAN STUDENT GRANTS.

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2. IN SYMPATHY WITH MISS SALEH'S DESIRE TO DOCUMENT EGYPTIAN FOLK DANCE TRADITION, INQUIRIES WERE MADE AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION TO ASCERTAIN IF SOMEONE OF HER STATURE COULD BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EGYPTIAN

DANCERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE THIS SUMMER. WE ARE TOLD THAT MISS SALEH HAS ALREADY BEEN HIRED TO TRAVEL WITH THE TROUPE IN ITS TOUR OF SEVERAL U.S. CITIES AND TO EXPLAIN THE ORIGIN AND SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF THEIR DANCES. IN ADDITION WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT ARCE INFORM HER OF THE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE GROUP DURING THEIR WASHINGTON STAY.

3. ARCE HAS APPROACHED A PRIVATE FOUNDATION ON MISS SALEH'S BEHALF. THEY HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN AWARDING HER A FELLOWSHIP BUT THEIR FINAL DECISION CANNOT BE MADE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. DO NOT BELIEVE MISS SALEH AWARE OF THIS NEW ARCE EFFORT. KISSINGER

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